

(a) whether the construction work of Western Kosi Canal Project is going on as per schedule;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the work is likely to be completed;

(d) whether representations have been received by the Government regarding expenditure incurred so far on construction work;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon;

(f) whether the Government propose to set up a Board to look after the construction work of Western Kosi Canal project; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Government of Bihar who is executing the project, has reported that construction work is lagging behind the original targets.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The main reasons for slow progress are financial constraints, non-finalisation of agreement with contractor for execution of hydraulic structure and delay in land acquisition. The schedule for completion is June, 1995.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) There is no such proposal with the State Government.

(g) Does not arise.

[English]

Allocation for STD and ISD in Maharashtra

2079 SHRI SHANKARRAO KALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of automatic telephone exchanges functioning in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges having STD and ISD facilities set up in the State during 1991-92 so far; and

(c) the details thereof and the amount allocated therefor.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is given in the Statement.

(b) and (c). A total of 16 new exchanges with STD and IDS connectivity have been commissioned during 1991-92 as on 6th March '92. The outlay for these exchanges is included in the total programme of around Rs. 421 Crores for Maharashtra and Bombay.

STATEMENT

The number of Automatic Telephone Exchanges functioning in Maharashtra District-wise as on 20.2.1992.

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of District</i>	<i>No. of Automatic Exchanges</i>
1.	Ahmednagar	131
2.	Akola	37

S. No.	Name of District	No. of Automatic Exchanges
3.	Amraoti	45
4.	Aurangabad	44
5.	Beed	22
6.	Bhandara	48
7.	Buldhana	51
8.	Chandrapur	32
9.	Dhule	67
10.	Gadchiroli	16
11.	Jalgaon	99
12.	Jalna	32
13.	Kothapur	71
14.	Latur	31
15.	Nagpur	56
16.	Nanded	46
17.	Nasik	100
18.	Osmanabad	22
19.	Parbhani	37
20.	Pune	101
21.	Raigad	56
22.	Ratangiri	56
23.	Sangli	69
24.	Satara	65

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Name of District</i>	<i>No. of Automatic Exchanges</i>
25.	Sindhudurg	33
26.	Solapur	73
27.	Thane	57
28.	Wardha	30
29.	Yeotmal	33
30.	MTNL, Bombay	91
Total		1651

On-going Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra

3079. SHRI SHANKARRAO KALE:
SHRI VILASRAO NAG-
NATHRAO GUNDE-
WAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the on-going irrigation projects and dams in Maharashtra are running behind schedule;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the extent of cost escalation as a result of delay?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). A statement giving the details of the Major and Medium on-going irrigation projects of Maharashtra is enclosed.